

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

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For: DETECTION OF DIFFERENTIAL GENE EXPRESSIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The nucleic acid according to claim 1, wherein said normal cells are 208F rat fibroblasts.

4. (Amended) The nucleic acid according to claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid shows on enhanced expression in a Ras-transformed cell line in comparison to a non-transformed cell line or is expressed *de novo* in a Ras-transformed cell line.

5. (Amended) The nucleic acid according to claim 1, wherein the expression of said nucleic acid in Ras-transformed cells is adjusted down.

12. (Amended) The nucleic acid according to claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid has homology to human sequences, especially human ESTs or EST clusters.